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In Re the Application of:

MITCHELL

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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ERECTING WALL PANELS"

) Group Art Unit: 3637

) Examiner: TRAN A, PHI DIEU N

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of June 30, 2004. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$201.00 as the fee for the additional claims presented herein. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

04/15/2005 SHORELAN Please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

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being separated by a gap from the first perimeter framing member, with the height being at least about 100% of the width of the gap and exterior surfaces of the first and second wall panels being at least substantially parallel and coplanar. These percentages are not specifically taught or suggested by the cited references.

Applicant has added new claims 112-119. Independent claim 112 is a combination of independent claim 56, intervening dependent claim 57, and allowable dependent claim 65; independent claim 114 a combination of independent claim 67 and allowable dependent claim 75; independent claim 115 a combination of independent claim 67, intervening dependent claim 69, and allowable dependent claim 77; independent claim 117 a combination of independent claim 79 and allowable dependent claim 86; and independent claim 118 a combination of independent claim 79, intervening dependent claim 80, and allowable dependent claim 88.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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